

POLITICAL SIGNS AND CAMPAIGN ISSUES ON ELECTION DAY

Smoking

Schools are smoke-free zones. Please inform campaign workers that they cannot smoke on school property. Election officials will ask the Police Department to enforce this regulation if necessary.

Distribution of Literature

City Ordinances prohibit the distribution of handbills or the posting of political signs for a distance of 100 feet from the polling place entrance (NRO 23-2). (Note: "Posting" includes the placement of signs on a vehicle parked within a distance of 100 feet from the polling place.)

Parking

The Board of Education will consider imposing a two-hour parking limit in school parking lots for those school properties being used as polling places. Vehicles or trailers left in those spaces for more than two hours may be ticketed by Parking Enforcement and/or subject to towing.

The Attorney General's Office has advised city election officials that vehicles covered with campaign signs and parked on public property are considered "portable signage" and are subject to the same ordinances and laws applicable to other types of signage on public property

During voting hours, no person shall park a vehicle in front of the entrance to the polling place for a distance of 100 feet in each side of the entrance, except for the purpose of voting (NRO 13-282).

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Campaign Signs

Unattended signs at the polling places (that is, signs not being held by a campaign workers) may be picked up and disposed of by election officials.

No advertisements of any kind upon any object of nature, utility pole, telephone booth or highway sign. (RSA 236:75).

Prohibited under NRO Chapter 190 (partial list):

(a) Any sign...erected or displayed upon, or projecting into public property. (*That is, campaign signs can be held but they cannot, in any way, be affixed, propped up, left standing, or pounded into the ground on public property.*)

(b) Any sign attached to any public utility pole or structure, street light, tree, fence, fire hydrant, bridge, curb, sidewalk, park bench, or other location on public property...

(c) Any sign placed, which by reason of its location, will obstruct the view of any authorized traffic sign, signal or other traffic control device...

(l) Any sign mounted, attached or painted on a trailer, boat, or motor vehicle when parked, stored, or displayed conspicuously on the public right-of-way... Such signs or devices are considered portable signs within the meaning of these regulations and are prohibited...

(m) Any sign painted, attached or mounted on fuel tanks, outdoor storage containers and/or solid waste receptacles or their enclosures.

(n) Any unauthorized sign attached to existing signs, outdoor light poles, or other structures.